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CONTINUING PREPARATIONS FOR ROMEO SS SHIPMENT
SHANGHAI NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD INTERNATIONAL, CHINA

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** PREPARATIONS FOR A SHIPMENT OF THREE ROMEO-CLASS DIESEL ATTACK SUBMARINES (SS) ARE CONTINUING. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THREE SETS OF FOUR SHIPPING CRADLES, WHICH APPEAR CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING ROMEO-CLASS SUBMARINES, HAVE BEEN POSITIONED IN THE WELLDECK OF THE CHINESE FLOAT-ON/FLOAT-OFF (FLO/FLO) MERCHANT CARGO SHIP SHA HE KOU. THE FLO/FLO IS STILL MOORED IN THE RIVER NEAR THE SHIPYARD. (SWN)

ALTHOUGH A SHIPMENT OF TWO ROMEO SS TO EGYPT HAS BEEN EXPECTED, THE THREE SETS OF CRADLES ON THE SHA HE KOU BRINGS INTO QUESTION THE DESTINATION OF THIS SHIPMENT. EGYPT HAS BEEN AWAITING DELIVERY OF THE LAST TWO OF FOUR ROMEOs ORDERED FROM CHINA. THE FIRST TWO ROMEOs WERE DELIVERED TO EGYPT IN EARLY 1982. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ANOTHER COUNTRY HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE A ROMEO, WHICH COULD BE DELIVERED BY THE SHA HE KOU EN ROUTE TO EGYPT. (SWN)

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